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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the action dated January 6, 2000, be extended for three months to and including July 6, 2000.

Enclosed is a check for \$870 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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